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Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" It being the duty of the Government to maintain irrigation channels in proper order, in making up for past neglect, ought they not to take into consideration the revenue aspect of the matter ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If the propositions involved in the question are correct, the answer would be in the negative."

Mr S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether it is not stated in the settlement report that the Government have made a default in regard to the irrigation works in the Tanjore district ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Estimates for improving the drainage of the Tiruturaipundi taluk.

*1401 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received estimates for the improvements of the drainage of the Tiruturaipundi taluk and the upland drainage of the Vennar ;

(b) whether the financial aspect of the schemes has been discussed in the Cauvery Committee report and considered to be satisfactory ; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to order all these estimates to be sanctioned without further delay ?

A.—(a) The Government have not yet received estimates for improvement to the drainage in Tiruturaipundi taluk. As regards the upland drainage of the Vennar the third of the works referred to at the end of paragraph 105 of the Committee's report is in progress. Other estimates have not yet come to Government.

(b) The Committee dealt in general terms with the financial aspects of their proposals in paragraphs 199 and 200 of their report : but the Government have to consider the several proposals on their particular merits as they are sent up for approval by the Chief Engineer.

(c) Estimates are dealt with as they are received : as the hon. Member is aware a new circle has been formed for the purpose primarily of ensuring adequate progress in these improvements.

Outlay on irrigation works in the Presidency.

*1402 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the rate of maintenance charges per acre of irrigation works in the non-deltaic parts of the Presidency ;

(b) what is the return on the outlay on such irrigation works ;

(c) whether capital or revenue accounts are kept for such works ;

(d) what is the total amount spent on such irrigation works in each of the non-deltaic districts ; and

(e) what is the capital outlay on irrigation works in the deltaic tracts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Godavari and Kistna districts ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the statements appended to the annual irrigation administration reports